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The Pitzer's Bill.

Chairman Fitzgerald's figures are large. A sum total of a billion and a half of dollars is what at a distance from the big road is called "a mighty sight of money." It is a record for a session.

But we must remember that Congress is appropriating for unprecedented times. Old criticisms are without point now. We dare not shrink from it before us. It is no matter that we did not produce these things. They are here, and the duty they impose is inescapable.

The two old parties in national convention this year handled the economy issue gingerly. The democrats did not repeat their stupidity of four years ago and promise the impossible based upon a misrepresentation of the past. They declared at St. Louis for economy, but did not denounce the republicans for extravagance in office. They simply pledged as a means of securing economy a return to the old order in the House giving one committee control over all the appropriation bills. And that order, it so happens, they themselves abolished some thirty years ago.

The republicans, while condemning the democrats for "wasteful appropriations," did not specify in numbers, round or otherwise, and pledged themselves to the budget system. They conceded "the increasing cost of the national government."

Let us make no mistake. Let us not be misled by the extravagances and cajoleries of the stump, which will shortly begin. The spellbinders will have their tales to tell, prepared for partisan purposes. But the truth will remain after all those tales have been told. And the truth is that that cost will go higher still before it goes lower. For all we know, we are necessarily on a course leading to figures which will make all previous figures look small by comparison.

Growth is the order of governmental as of physical life. We are growing, and glad of it. We would not check it if we could, and let us hope that we could not if we would. And we must provide for ourselves according to our growth. We aspire to a prominent part in the great world drama, and must play it befittingly.

It will be both poor politics and poor business to attempt any tricks on the electorate at this time with a subject which in every way is important to all. The standards of American living should be kept up. Every governmental need, properly ascertained and approved, should be supplied. There might be infinitely more waste in the end in small than in large appropriations.

Even in a time of military exigency Uncle Sam is hindered in any ambitions he may entertain of being regarded as a generous employer.

When Hughes and Roosevelt meet no effort is made to convey the impression that it was merely a social visit, with no discussion of politics.

The critical state of Grecian affairs makes a chief of police as responsible an official as a general himself.

The sudden prominence of Trevino is another example of the rapidity of promotions in Mexico.

Mr. Bryan's Paramount Issue.

Mr. Bryan, over his signature, accepts the result at St. Louis in these terms:

"As this issue of the Commoner contains the democratic platform adopted at St. Louis, the speech of Temporary Chairman Glynn, and my own speech, and an analysis of the platform, it is not necessary to say more now than that the spirit of the convention presages victory for the party. The fact that there was no contest for the first place and but little for the second, accounts for the lack of excitement. Even the suffrage plank did not stir up much feeling—the vote was so one sided. There was enthusiasm whenever emphasis was placed upon the fact that the President had kept us out of war, or when a reference was made to the fact that the nation favors peace. The preparedness plank drew forth but little applause—a good omen. The delegates went home happy and the visitors were satisfied. Now for the campaign. We must win; let every democrat go to work."

As Mr. Bryan will take the stump, we probably have in this deliverance the line he will follow in his speeches. His slogan will be, Peace first, and peace all the time.

He is a very entertaining talker on that topic. On the chautauqua circuit he has charmed tens of thousands with it. His wallet is the fatter because of the thought he has given to peace in all aspects, and the pains he has taken in polishing his periods to express the thought.

opinion is that other days will bring other wars, and that the United States, though not desiring war, must prepare against all warlike contingencies.

And these voters are advised that, as matters stand, there is a great deal for us to do. Our equipment is pathetically and alarmingly small by comparison with that of any one of the nations now measuring strength with an enemy. We are not quite in the class with China; but when our position in the world is considered and our enormous resources tabulated, our unpreparedness is much more discreditable than hers.

The topic of preparedness, then, will confront Mr. Bryan as a stump speaker whether he likes it or not. If, as he says, it was but little applauded at St. Louis, he will find it of interest elsewhere—everywhere else he goes. Indeed, so great is the interest, and so general, that had Mr. Wilson not changed front when he did, and put all the power of his office in favor of preparedness, a movement might have taken shape to deny him renomination. The democracy could not have afforded to go into the campaign decriing an increase in our army and navy establishments at a time when force is being invoked and displayed throughout the world.

Mexican Promptness Required.

Carranza's reply to the American note of last Sunday, in which it was demanded that he immediately release the Carrizal prisoners and make early definition of his attitude toward American troops in Mexico, cannot be long delayed without seriously provoking this country. It is true that the prisoners have been released with as prompt compliance with the demand as possible, but thus far no word has come to this government from Carranza giving any indication of a purpose to answer the requirement for a specific declaration respecting the presence of our forces south of the border. Meanwhile movements of Carranzista troops are reported of a nature seriously to menace the American forces under Gen. Pershing. As he consolidates his line and shortens his communications by leaving some of the more southerly positions heretofore occupied by him, the Carranzistas move in behind him, with the obvious intention of crowding him closer and closer to the border. It is even reported in late dispatches that his communications between his new base at Colonia Dublan and the border have been cut, while new troop movements close upon his flanks are indicated.

There may be a marked difference of judgment between the Mexican and American governments as to what is required by the demand for an "early" announcement concerning the Mexican policy toward the American troops south of the border. If the situation were susceptible of indefinite protraction it would be possible to submit to the Mexican conception of promptness. But with menacing movements of troops in progress and with the former Villista commanders drifting back across the border from their hiding places in this country and welcomed into the ranks of the de facto army, as reports state, it is impossible to yield with dignity or with security to the Mexican tendency to delay decision. The United States has a right to speedy definition of the Mexican purpose. Another clash such as that at Carrizal may occur at any moment, especially with resentment rife in the ranks of the Mexican forces over the surrender of the prisoners. Procrastination is dangerous to peace.

A paragraph in the international law to be written in the future might define on modern authority what actually constitutes an ultimatum.

A training camp for those whose authority covers the consideration of prompt equipment in an emergency might not be a bad idea.

Every effort is being made to make the funeral of the bull moose a triumphal procession for the elephant.

Being a de facto president does not necessarily prevent a man from being careless with his facts.

The patriotic girl will not complain of the scarcity of young men at the summer resorts this year.

Verden being expected to decide the war refrains from reaching a conclusion hastily.

Casement's Conviction.

Sir Roger Casement, convicted yesterday in London for high treason and sentenced to be hanged for that crime, presents a pathetic figure before the world. That he was conscientious in his desire to work for Ireland, to secure its freedom from English domination, is plain. But his methods were fanatical and hopeless. He could not have succeeded even in the difficult circumstances which surrounded Great Britain. It is doubtful whether Germany had any faith in his plan for an Irish revolution save as a means of giving England a distracting annoyance. Casement must have been misinformed as to the readiness of the Irish people to rise in revolt. The event proved that they were far from prepared for a formidable revolution, although they gave England a week of grave anxiety. Casement's personal exploit was ignominiously futile. His immediate arrest upon arrival in Ireland may have had a serious bearing upon the fortunes of the revolution, but it was doomed to failure regardless of the personality of the leaders.

It does not necessarily follow that Casement will be hanged in execution of the verdict of yesterday. A certain sentiment prevails for him, a sentiment of pity rather than sympathy, but there is, moreover, a political consideration that may operate to save his life. Clemency toward him may be considered desirable as a means of placating the Irish people, who are still suffering from the wounds received in the revolt. Were it not, however, for this condition, it is probable that pity alone would not cause a modification of Casement's sentence. The real issue of the case will come, not in the courts of justice, but in the councils of the government, and the considerations will not be legal but political that will finally determine the fate of this quixotic personage, whose exploit caused such sorrow and suffering to thousands of people.

The Petrolite Case.

The submarine issue is revived in a striking manner by the dispatch of a note from the United States to Austria demanding an apology for the attack on the American steamer Petrolite in December last by an undersea boat. The public has not taken a keen interest in the Petrolite case, probably for the reason that the ship was not sunk and no lives were lost. Nevertheless the matter has become one of gravity, inasmuch as upon a close examination of all the facts this government has become convinced that the steamer was attacked wantonly and without warning, and that the attack constituted a plain violation of American rights on the high seas.

It is reported from Vienna that the demand for an apology and for the punishment of the submarine commander is resented at the Austrian capital on the ground that this government has taken the testimony of the officers and crew of the Petrolite in preference to the word of the submarine commander. Of course, there can be no other basis for American action than the testimony of the ship's company. It does not necessarily follow that the Austrian commander has deliberately mistated the facts. He may have been honestly mistaken as to the intention of the Petrolite's commander, but apart from nationality the testimony of all available witnesses is preponderating to the effect that the ship was attacked without warrant and that her nationality must have been plainly known.

A break of relations between Austria and the United States on this issue is altogether unlikely. Ill-feeling may be aroused in Austria over the American demand, but it is practically certain to evaporate or at least to yield to a reasonable official compliance with the terms of the note of June 21. Austria is not at all likely to risk a break with this country on a point concerning which the United States, as the matter stands, has clearly the better case.

Carranza should make it understood that any prisoners his troops may insist on taking are kept in condition for safe return on demand.

German generosity has long since left behind the state of mind that made the entire map of Europe look as easy as Belgium.

The association for the protection of Villa has been acquiring a large and distinguished membership in Mexico.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Speaking of Art.

"What the public wants," said the theater manager, "is a play with a punch in it."

"Yes," replied the man who always has his doubts; "but aren't you afraid the plays are getting to look too much like regular fights and the fights too much like well-rehearsed dramas?"

Equipment.

Oh, many a heart both brave and warm Beats 'neath a ragged jacket. We may not have much uniform But we can stand the racket.

Pride in Appearance.

"Why do you insist on wearing the shabbiest clothes you can find? People will think you haven't anything better."

"That's what I want 'em to think. Maybe somebody will take me for a soldier whose equipment hasn't yet caught up with him."

Prudence.

"Sometimes it is wise to say nothing." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "It may enable one to avoid betraying the fact that one has nothing to say."

The Significant Consideration.

"I want to get an idea of how our friend's political prospects are coming along," said Senator Sorghum.

"Well," replied his secretary, "here is the scrapbook. He has been saying some very interesting things."

"I don't care so much about what he has been saying. With what people he has been taking luncheon!"

Unavailing Resistance.

My Uncle Jim, he knows a song, He learned it long ago; And in a voice both sweet and strong He sings it fast or slow. No matter what we try to sing, He won't consent to change, And the effects his tune will bring Are often weird and strange.

In vain we try to drown him out. Our voices are too small As into a discordant shout Our hopes melodious fall. But harmony is with us soon, And since it has returned, We just stick to that single tune That Uncle Jim has learned.

His Real Title.

From the Chicago Post. The first chief's a mis-chief.

Fewer Calls for Cash.

From the Indianapolis News. But perhaps Mr. Perkins is not the only one who is glad that the progressive party is over.

Getting Acquainted.

From the Baltimore American. Some months ago we recognized Carranza. Now we know him.

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The eminently desirable qualities of our outing apparel make this Men's Store a place of much interest these pre-holiday days to men who dress with correctness. Our selections are extensive in quantity, and intensive in value, style and that degree of excellence whereby dress is understood as the expression of the personality of the wearer. Men who make a detailed study of their own wardrobe will be particularly pleased with the displays we have ready.

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For the man who is going to the seashore or beach resort the bathing suit is a most essential article of the wardrobe. Our assortments are varied enough to meet all requirements, and are shown in sleeveless and half-sleeve styles; \$1.50 to \$5.00 suit. Swimming Suits of heavy ribbed wool, heather colors, in V-neck and sleeveless style, \$6.00 each. One-piece Swimming Suits, plain colored wool, with handsome contrasting colored stripes of silk fiber, \$5.00. Pure Silk Fiber One-piece Swimming Suits, black with colored stripes, new and very attractive; \$7.50 the suit.

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Fancy Hosiery are again in favor, and we are showing many new and distinctive styles of all sorts to satisfy the most conventional or the ultra stylish dresser; a splendid showing of hose suitable for wear with white shoes and light-weight and light-colored summer suits, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair. Scotch Golf Hosiery in heather colors, with fancy tops, \$2.50 pair.

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Palm Beach Suits, in tan and gray and fancy effects, \$8.50 and \$10.00.

Cool Cloth Suits, plain gray and fancy weaves, \$10.00 and \$15.00.

Flanello Suits; distinctive fabrics that resemble flannel, \$10.00.

Sport Coats of navy blue serge and flannel, and also of the smart green checked flannels, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00.

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Main floor, Tenth street.

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\$4.00 Straws . . . \$2.50
\$5.00 Straws . . . \$3.35

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